

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2002-302-C - ORDER NO. 2003-185

MARCH 27, 2003

IN RE: Joint Application of Voicecom)	ORDER GRANTING
Telecommunications, LLC, Voicecom)	CONTINUANCE OF
Telecommunications, Inc., and Premiere)	HEARING AND
Communications, Inc. for Approval of)	MODIFICATION OF
Acquisition of Assets and for Assignment of)	PREFILING DEADLINES
Authorization to Provide Long Distance)	FOR TESTIMONY
Telecommunications.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC ("VTL") and Voicecom Telecommunications, Inc. ("VTI") for a continuance of the hearing scheduled for March 6, 2003, and for an extension of time in which to submit testimony and exhibits regarding the Joint Application of VTL, VTI, and Premiere Communications, Inc. ("PCI") (collectively the "Applicants") for the acquisition of certain assets and for the assignment of authorization to provide intrastate long distance telecommunications. This matter was addressed by the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2003.

On December 11, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 2002-846 which established prefiling deadlines for the instant docket. Order No. 2002-846 directs the Applicants to prefile their testimony and exhibits on or before February 6, 2003.

On February 18, 2003, VTL and VTI, through VTL's regulatory counsel, filed a request for continuance of the hearing and extension of the prefiling date for the

Applicants' testimony and exhibits scheduled in this matter. Additionally, VTL and VTI request that the hearing date be extended for a reasonable amount of time in order to allow the Applicants and any intervenors sufficient time to appropriately file their testimony and exhibits.

Upon consideration of the request of VTL and VTI to continue the hearing presently scheduled for March 6, 2003, and to extend the prefiling date for filing testimony and exhibits, the Commission finds and concludes that the request should be granted. In view of an extension being granted for the Applicants' testimony and exhibits, the Commission hereby approves an extension of the prefiling dates for the Commission Staff and/or intervenors testimony and exhibits. The hearing shall be held on **June 4, 2003**, at **11:30 a.m.** and accordingly, Order No. 2002-846, dated December 11, 2002, captioned "Order Establishing Prefiling Deadlines" is modified as follows¹:

The Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicants shall be pre-filed on or before **May 7, 2003**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or any intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **May 21, 2003**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **May 28, 2003**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **May 30, 2003**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

¹ The modifications herein relate only to the due dates for prefiling of testimony and exhibits. The instructions concerning filing, number of copies to be filed, and service on other parties have not been modified from Order No. 2002-846, but those instructions are repeated herein for emphasis to the parties.

Further, the Applicants shall pre-file with its testimony and exhibits twenty-five copies of any script(s) employed by the Applicants or its telemarketers for the solicitation and sale of its long distance services in other jurisdictions, or an outline of the Applicants' telemarketing procedures and/or training materials for telemarketers. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (and/or scripts or other materials) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Hearing previously scheduled for March 6, 2003, is hereby continued and rescheduled for June 4, 2003.
2. The scheduling order for filing testimony and exhibits as set out by Order No. 2002-846 dated December 11, 2002, is hereby modified as outlined above.


3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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